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## CURRENT TOPICS.

### The News in Brief.

There were \$17,622,119 silver dollars in the United States Treasury vaults on the 1st.

During the month of July the coinage executed by the United States mints aggregated \$2,410,850 pieces, representing in value \$4,821,000.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 p. m. on the 1st there were twenty-six deaths from cholera at Marcellus, eight at Arles, six at Aix and two at Toulon.

The work on the new currency is being rapidly pushed. The Dolphin, Atlanta and Boston are about ready to be launched; and the framework of the Chicago is nearly finished.

During the twenty-four hours ended at 9 p. m. on the 1st there were fifteen deaths from cholera at Marcellus and none at Toulon. At the latter place thirty cases were taken to the hospital.

A person who had his name presented to the English Wesleyan Conference with a theological library of 20,000 volumes. The membership of the Wesleyan body was increased during the past year by 7,000.

GENERAL SCHWITZ, German Ambassador to Russia, has left St. Petersburg for the purpose of conferring with Bismarck at Berlin in regard to the meeting between the Czar and the Emperor of Germany.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America will be held in Chicago August 6th and 7th. It promises to be an important gathering. Over 20 delegates will be in attendance.

A steamer from Mozambique states that the British bark *Seymour* had been detained there and her cargo seized on the pretense of violating customs regulations. The people were indignant at the arbitrary proceedings.

The Michigan Car Works, of Detroit, Mich., a very large concern, announced on the 26th that they would shut down August 24, on account of slackness in orders. They will start again whenever a business revival warrants.

It is reported that Grand Duke Louis of Hesse will abdicate in favor of his son Ernst, under the advice of the Emperor of Germany. His marriage with Princess Marie of Romania and subsequent divorce compromised his position.

The New York bricklayers' strike has been practically successful, there being on the 24th only 184 of the union men out. Two large jobs have been taken from the strikers and placed in the hands of the general good committee for completion.

CHOLERA is reported in from ten to twelve Italian communities, but the epidemic is not spreading. The *Dietro* insists that the Government should publish trustworthy information to prevent unfounded alarm or exaggerated confidence.

The Westinghouse Air Brake Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., notified two hundred and fifteen of their employees on the 26th that their services would not be required longer than August 24. The wholesale discharge is attributed to dullness of trade.

Cairo advices state that General Gordon has recently made three and frequent sorties from Khartoum, attacking the rebels, who had built a wall along the bank of the Nile. The losses in these engagements are reported to have been heavy on both sides.

The Manhattan Club of New York gave a reception at the club room on the evening of the 31st to members of the Democratic Notification Committee, on their arrival from Saratoga. An elaborate collation was served at midnight. Many speeches were made and toasts drunk.

The decrease in the public debt during July was \$3,092,280; cash in the Treasury, \$80,910,000; gold certificates, \$18,977,720; silver certificates, \$2,044,201; certificates of deposit, \$13,550,000; refunding certificates, \$274,350; legal tenders, \$46,087,000; fractional currency, \$29,530.

The acting Secretary of the Treasury has issued instructions to customs officers to declare all rats coming from European ports suspected of infection, and to prevent landing them unless clear proof is furnished that they were free from disease and come from non-infected ports.

There were twenty-four deaths from cholera at Marcellus and none at Toulon during the twenty-four hours ended at 9 p. m. on the 26th. The record of cholera cases in the hospital at Toulon was: Admissions, seventy-four; discharged, eleven; deaths, four; under treatment, 137.

JOHN WALLACE, who was paymaster's clerk on the United States receiving ship *St. Louis*, at League Island, near Philadelphia, disappeared about three weeks ago, and it is now charged that his accounts were \$2,500 short. The matter is undergoing investigation by a court of inquiry.

The public debt statement issued on the 1st shows that the indebtedness of Pacific Railway companies to the Government now amounts to about \$109,000,000. The available cash balance in the Treasury today is nearly \$140,000,000. It is expected that another bond call will be issued in a few days.

The most important question under discussion relating to the last whisky trade, just now in the Interior Department, is the probable outcome of a test case in which Mr. Boyd, a leading whisky man, proposes to prove the unconstitutionality of Secretary Folger's decision in refusing warehouse privileges to reimported whisky.

In the French Chamber of Deputies on the 26th, a deputation under the leadership of M. M. Clemenceau, appointed by the Extreme Left to visit places affected with cholera, reported that the people of Arles were fleeing to farms in the vicinity, where they huddled together in hovels and slept as best they can. The sick were entirely neglected. Cases of cholera were secreted from the authorities and surveillance observed. The deputation inspected the mal-houses at Marcellus and found numerous cases of cholera there. The lunatic asylum is a center of infection.

## PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

A MEETING at London on the 26th, presided over by John Morley, characterized by a resolution of instant disregard of the House of Lords to the will of the Nation as factions and upstart.

THREE masked men with revolvers on the 21st captured Rhody B. Cole, a farmer near Potomac, Pa., to give up \$10,000. They escaped.

A woman organized to take the murderer, Rollins from the Albany Arsenal at Hartford, Va., but the officers and military being warned, prevented the proposed lynching.

FRANK NORTH, one of the men in Buffalo Bill's snare, was thrown from his horse at Hartford, Conn., on the 21st, and severely injured.

A SPEECH of condolence of German Socialists at Chemnitz was broken up by the police. Liebknecht, who presided, got orders to leave town immediately.

JOHN BARTON, Mich., on the 21st, was much excited over the discovery of a cremated child. A young woman, mother but no wife, was present.

CHOLERA has crossed, it is estimated, a German of eight percent, in tourist traffic from England to the Continent. Scotland got a cremated child.

The hotel staff at Dublin of Bolton against O'Brien, editor of *United Ireland*, resulted in a verdict in favor of the plaintiff.

The Vatican will not, it is said, recall its delegate from Buenos Ayres if the Argentine Government dismisses Father Clara for his part against American schoolmistresses.

FOUR burglars who worked the fashionable residence portion of Pittsburgh, Pa., were captured with \$10,000 worth of swag in the shape of jewelry, silversware, etc.

The total value of exports for the fiscal year just closed was \$76,537,363, a falling off of \$8,325,412 compared with the previous year. The imports of merchandise were valued at \$97,714,563, a falling off of \$5,463,351.

A PRELIMINARY has arisen among the lower classes at Marcellus against the physicians there being an opinion that the doctors help cholera to kill the town of surplus inhabitants.

The Republicans of the Second Congressional District of West Virginia nominated F. M. Reynolds.

The estimated decrease of the public debt for July is about \$3,000,000.

The Republicans of the Ninth District of Indiana nominated Major J. C. Doney for Congress.

The Treasury Department purchased 22,000 ounces of silver on the 31st for delivery at the New Orleans and Philadelphia mints.

It was reported at Shanghai on the 31st that France and China had made a treaty of peace. China to pay France an indemnity of \$20,000,000, and \$2,500,000.

KEY-MARK PATTERSON, the famous English teacher, essayist, and critic, died on the 31st, aged seventy-one.

The Democrats of the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia nominated Connelly F. Trigg.

The London News understands that Mr. Gladstone is about to assume the direction of the Metropolitan Opera-house in New York the coming season.

F. G. BARKLEY has been nominated by the Democrats of the Fourth Congressional District of Mississippi.

An American firm has purchased the China merchant fleet for about \$7,500,000. The Democrats of the Fourth Mississippi district have nominated Fred G. Barry for Congress.

JAY-EYES beat his own record at Narragansett Park track on the 1st, making a mile in 2:10. This beats Maud S. by a quarter of a second.

SIXTY-FIVE pounds of dynamite were stolen from a colliery magazine near Ardre, Scotland, on the 1st. The theft created a panic.

A. L. THOMAS has been nominated for Congress by the Democrats of the Thirtieth Missouri District.

A GENUINE Italian murder occurred at Boston on the 1st. J. Marcone was stabbed to death by his wife's paramour, F. Delmonico.

A SIX-STORY tenement in Water street, New York, burned. One child was burned to death, and several adults severely burned.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

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## ERIGHTFUL CASUALTY.

Falling of the Rear Portion of the United States Hotel at Washington, D. C., Saturday, August 6, 1881.

The most frightful accident that ever occurred in Washington happened at the United States Hotel at Washington, D. C., Saturday, August 6, 1881.

At a moment's warning the entire rear portion of the United States Hotel fell in, burying seven or more people in the ruins. For some time after the disaster occurred the real nature was not known outside of the immediate neighborhood.

The excitement was tremendous, and the news spread, thousands of people flocked to the scene.

One of the injured people was extricated from the debris within a few minutes, but the others were buried beneath the ruins.

A few minutes after a general panic was caused, and the hotel and its contents were in ruins.

The United States Hotel is one of the oldest structures in the city, and has long been an unsafe building.

Cracks in the walls were visible on the outside and the complete prostration of the whole mass showed that a shift of a building it was.

The building has a frontage of 125 feet on Pennsylvania avenue, and a depth of 185 feet.

The building began with a small portion of the wall at the rear end.

This precipitated the general crash, and in a minute or two the whole mass was a dusty ruin.

The dust rose so that a little distance it looked as if a fire was started in that neighborhood.

Several of the buried persons were not immediately killed and the cries of the wounded were faintly to be heard.

The following persons are known to have been in the building:

Mr. Beiden, wife of the proprietor.

Ernest Snooks, eleven years of age.

Mr. Asme Feltner, (covered) chambermaid.

Andrickson, do.

Harmon, a colored employee.

Henry Hall, (covered) cook.

The case of Annie Beiden was effected immediately after the fall of the building.

She heard the coming crash, and was in the act of jumping out of the laundry window when she was caught in the general confusion.

She suffered a dislocated arm, a crushed leg and a scalp wound. Her injuries were dressed, and she was conveyed to the hospital.

Guests were in the portion of the building when it fell.

As soon as the Department arrived on the scene, a number of stalwart men set to work with night and day to remove the upper portion of the debris in the hope of saving some lives.

The boy Snooks was rescued, and great was the excitement when at midnight it was found that he could be rescued alive.

It is greatly feared that the other five whose names are given above are dead.

## MR. BLAINE'S LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE.

Lengthy and strongly. Mr. Blaine's acceptance letter, though very long, and somewhat rambling, is a masterpiece of political art.

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## MENTAL PENITENCE.

When the Republican committee called on Mr. Blaine to inform him of his nomination as its spokesman, he asked him what he had in his market-bag.

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